

# PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

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## PHIL 151 Introduction To Philosophy 3.00

Philosophy concerns some of the most fundamental questions: Why do human beings exist? Does everything have a cause? Can you think without language? What does it mean to live a good life? What is the nature of freedom? Are humans truly free? We will consider these questions and more through exploring perspectives from around the globe, from the ancient to the contemporary.

### University Studies Requirements:

- UST: Humanities - WLCP

### Typically Offered:

- Fall Term Only

## PHIL 160 Philosophy and Film 3.00

In this course we will view films with philosophical themes and pair them with readings that help us to consider those themes more deeply. Readings will be at the introductory level; and films will include everything from the artsy to the absurd.

### University Studies Requirements:

- UST: Humanities - WLCP

### Typically Offered:

- Fall Term Only

## PHIL 189 Philosophy Elective 1.00-9.00

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-Superior course.

## PHIL 211 Contemporary Moral Problems 3.00

Are all acts inherently selfish? Should everyone follow the same moral laws? Do we need God to tell us how to behave? Why should we be good and what does that even mean? Should all living creatures be treated equally? In this course we will entertain questions like these as we apply moral theories to a selection of contemporary issues (for example, human rights, environmental ethics, the global sex trade, the death penalty). A key concern will be our ethical responsibilities in the diverse contemporary global theater. Offered on-line only.

### University Studies Requirements:

- UST: Humanities - WLCP

## PHIL 255 Environmental Ethics 3.00

This course explores different ethical and philosophical approaches to human-environment relations, and their implications for long-term ecological sustainability. Topics include wilderness, climate ethics and politics, food ethics, individual vs. collective action, indigenous relationships to the land, pets, and consumption.

### Typically Offered:

- Fall Term Every Other Year

## PHIL 289 Philosophy Elective 1.00-12.00

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-Superior course.

## PHIL 289DV Philosophy Elective Diversity 1.00-12.00

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-S course.

## PHIL 289ES Philosophy Elective: Environmental Science

### UST 1.00-12.00

Philosophy Elective: Environmental Science UST

### University Studies Requirements:

- Natural Sciences - Environmental

## PHIL 289GA Philosophy Elective Global Awareness 1.00-12.00

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-S course.

### University Studies Requirements:

- UST: Global Awareness

## PHIL 289MC Philosophy Elective Math/Computer

### Science 1.00-12.00

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-S course.

## PHIL 289NW Philosophy Elective Non-Western 1.00-12.00

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-S course.

## PHIL 289SS Philosophy Elective Social Science 1.00-12.00

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-S course.

## PHIL 289WC Philosophy Elective World Culture 1.00-12.00

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-S course.

## PHIL 301 Study Abroad 6.00

Field trips designed by the department faculty to give students direct experiences in foreign countries. Each program includes preparatory reading, orientation meetings, a faculty-supervised study tour, and a detailed written evaluation of learning situations associated with the course. With consent of the relevant program and content adaptation, programs provided by other agencies can be considered for this credit. Students must obtain approval for taking these courses prior to participation. Otherwise the course may not count. Also, for specific degree requirements, please consult your advisor. Course can be repeated only if the content is different.

### Typically Offered:

- Occasional by Demand

## PHIL 322 Buddhism and Mind 3.00

Can Buddhism rightly be considered a science, or theory of the minds? Is there a self? What is consciousness? Are there different kinds of consciousness? How can a theory of conscious experience be explained within a purely physicalist paradigm? What role can Buddhist thought play in phenomenological approaches to the mind? We will attempt to find answers to these and other questions in this course. We begin by reading foundational texts in the Theravada Buddhist tradition. Then, we investigate topics in philosophy of mind and cognitive science, with a special emphasis on whether Buddhist approaches to the mind and consciousness can shed light on contemporary theoretical disputes.

### Typically Offered:

- Other, Refer to Catalog

**PHIL 324 Existentialism 3.00**

This course introduces students to some of the major figures and topics of the existentialist movement. Among other things, we will explore the notions of meaning, absurdity, finitude, authenticity, faith, reason, and purpose. We will do so by reading the work of those such as Nietzsche, Sartre, de Beauvoir, Kierkegaard, Dostoevsky, Camus, Heidegger, and Arendt. Special attention will be given to works of philosophy, but will also engage with short stories, novels, plays and films.

**Typically Offered:**

- Other, Refer to Catalog

**PHIL 329 Philosophy of Art 3.00**

This course will consist in a philosophical exploration into the nature of art. Questions we will address include: What is an artwork? What is the role of the artist? What is the relation between art and meaning? What does it mean to appreciate something aesthetically? What are aesthetic properties? What makes art good? Can an artwork be good if it portrays immoral things? Visual art will be emphasized, but there will also be discussion of musical, literary, performance, and other arts.

**Typically Offered:**

- Other, Refer to Catalog

**PHIL 331 Philosophy of Mental Health Disorder 3.00**

What exactly is a mental disorder? We often use this term, but very rarely stop to think about what it means. Is it a matter of scientific discovery, value judgments, or even cultural preference? Relatedly, what is mental health? What does it mean to have a healthy mind? These and other questions will be discussed in this course. Other topics include the diagnosis of mental disorder, the science of psychopathology, ethics and mental health, the concepts of function and dysfunction, and well-being. Please note: this is a philosophy course and not a clinical course, no clinical skills or diagnostic methods will be covered.

**Typically Offered:**

- Other, Refer to Catalog

**PHIL 351 Selected Topics 3.00**

In-depth study of a particular problem, philosopher or period of current interest. May be repeated for up to nine credits provided topics are different.

**Typically Offered:**

- Occasional by Demand

**PHIL 389 Philosophy Elective 1.00-12.00**

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-Superior course.

**PHIL 489 Philosophy Elective 1.00-9.00**

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-Superior course.

**PHIL 489DV Philosophy Elective Diversity 1.00-12.00**

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-S course.

**PHIL 489ES Philosophy Elective: Environmental Science****UST 1.00-12.00**

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- Natural Sciences - Environmental

**PHIL 489GA Philosophy Elective Global Awareness 1.00-12.00**

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**University Studies Requirements:**

- UST: Global Awareness

**PHIL 489MC Philosophy Elective Math/Computer Science 1.00-12.00**

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-S course.

**PHIL 489NW Philosophy Elective Non-Western 1.00-12.00**

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-S course.

**PHIL 489WC Philosophy Elective World Culture 1.00-12.00**

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**PHIL 490 Independent Study 1.00-3.00**

Individually supervised reading and study of a topic or problem of student interest. A paper is required.

**Prerequisites:**

Consent of cooperating Instructor and Department Chair.

**Typically Offered:**

- Fall, Spring, and Summer Terms